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been a very labored and tortuous way indeed. Somewhere on the journey, not only the divinity, but even the personality of Christ disappeared utterly, until, were it not blasphemous to say it, one must protest that even the succinct Scholastic definition of man as "animal rationalis" barely applies in substantive—let alone adjective—to Mrs. Austin's psychogeny of the Saviour.

Permit me, then, to renew my felicitations, and to offer the respectful suggestion that you spare us the annoyance of feeble assaults upon our orthodoxy until such time as a really worthy critic challenges the field and winds his horn outside our gates.

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#### FROM A MINISTERIAL FRIEND

SIR,—I fell in love with THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW while a student in college—reading it regularly from the college library table. When about to be graduated I entered my subscription for THE REVIEW, have renewed it regularly ever since, and shall continue to "so long as we both shall live." It is supreme in its particular sphere.

October's issue ranks as the equal of any of the preceding issues. Rear Admiral Fiske's article on "The Mastery of the World" is worth the price of one year's subscription to THE REVIEW. His logic is sound, and thus his arguments are convincing. I am a minister of the gospel and would like to discredit Admiral Fiske's conclusions. I accept them because I must. So much of the literature bearing on the war which comes to my study is idealistic, theoretical and mostly bagatelle. What ground is there to believe that this is "The Last War"? I write merely to express my appreciation of Admiral Fiske's article. Let us have more of such thoughtful, sane, frank statements of the matter.

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#### THE PULCHRITUDE OF JOHN BRIGHT

SIR,—May I ask space for a small correction? Whether by the printer's fault or mine, some words have slipped out on page 371 of my article on John Bright in the October issue of THE REVIEW. What I meant to say was that Bright "was a very much better-looking man *in old age* than in middle life." I think the correction worth making.

GEORGE W. E. RUSSELL.

LONDON.

[The omission noted by Mr. Russell was due not to any fault of his, but to the innate viciousness of the type.

—EDITOR.]